



Winning Poster in Fire Prevention Contest



Minanda White, General Manager, Program Planning; John W. Hurt, Deputy Executive Director; Karen Johnson, a resident who purchased her own home through DHC's Home Ownership Program; Rita Dickerson, Home Ownership Program Administrator; and Monique Smith, Legal Counsel



The National Organization of African Americans in Housing (NOAAH) held its Fall Conference in Detroit. From L to R, Harold Lucas, former HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing; Michael Liu, HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing; and Kevin Marchman, NOAAH Executive Director and a former HUD Assistant Secretary Public and Indian Housing



DHC Holiday Party for seniors at the Roostertail

## Resident Services

- Each DHC site elects its own resident council. The Councils provide a forum for resident input on DHC's services. The Resident Council Presidents represent their developments on the Resident Advisory Board which serves as an city-wide forum for residents. Last year, Jackie Currie, Detroit's City Clerk, administered the oath of office for elected resident leaders at a ceremony held at the Museum of African American History.
- DHC celebrated the Grand Opening of the DHC/FIA Collaborative Service Delivery Model at Sojourner Truth Homes in September. As part of the program, Michigan's Family Independence Agency provides on-site services to residents at Sojourner Truth and Charles Terrace.
- DHC's Community Transit Program provided rides to seniors, disabled, DHC job training participants and youth tenant council members.

## Safety and Security

- The Detroit Police Department's Housing Support Section (HSS) monitors security at DHC and maintains a police force of 55 officers including 7 sergeants, 1 lieutenant and 1 commander.
- The Commission completed installation of a security system at four high rises: Sheridan I and II, Douglass, and Woodbridge Farms. The Commission has been installing similar equipment at DHC's other senior sites over the past three years. DHC now has a fully integrated security system which encompasses its eight senior sites.
- The Housing Support Section has established and maintained a mounted horse patrol unit, bicycle unit and an abandoned vehicle unit.
- HSS maintains a canine unit (K-9) to aid security in the senior high-rise buildings.
- Total felony crimes in the developments decreased over the previous year.
- The Commission maintains an "Access Control Television System" at the senior high- rises to ensure 24-hour security.
- Continued implementation of a COPS grant enabled the Commission to deploy 24 additional police officers.
- The Commission hired additional security personnel for the senior sites and Frederick Douglass Homes.
- A random survey of resident opinion on safety and security issues taken in March 2001 showed that residents felt safe. Sixty-nine percent of residents surveyed said that they felt "very safe" or "somewhat safe" in their developments. Fifty-four percent of residents said that the felt "very safe" or "somewhat safe" when out alone at night in their developments or immediate neighborhoods.